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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thakker & Ward

Group Art Unit: 1612

Serial No.: 09/974.519

Examiner: Packard, Benjamin J.

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Docket No.: 421/32/2

Confirmation No.: 7285

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR ENHANCING PARACELLULAR

PERMEABILITY ACROSS EPITHELIAL AND ENDOTHELIAL BARRIERS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Official Action dated April 10, 2008, for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on October 10, 2008. The period for filing of the Appeal Brief expires on <u>February 10, 2009</u>. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 50-0426 in the amount of <u>\$650.00</u> to cover the extension fee (\$245.00) and Request for Continued Examination fee (\$405.00), both for a small entity.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendment and Remarks and further in view of the DECLARATION OF DHIREN R. THAKKER, Ph.D. PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.132 and Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: